

REMARKS

This application has been critically reviewed and editorially amended to correct some obvious errors. There is no change in meaning or scope of the specification or of the claims.

In the drawings, reference number 20 in Figs. 1 and 5 has been corrected to "30". Substitute sheets are enclosed, and a set marked in red is enclosed. The Examiner is requested to approve these changes.

As to numbers 45,46, it is submitted that they are correct. 46 is the smaller diameter (Fig. 3). Fig. 4 is a bottom view, where it shows 46 is the smaller. This should attend to the objection to the drawings and to the specification in this regard.

As to the claims, claims 2,4, and 6-10 inclusive have been cancelled without prejudice.

Claim 1 has been amended to add the feature of stops 50 (Fig. 1).

Claim 3 depends from amended claim 1 to include the two dimensions 45 and 46 which form shoulder 47.

Claim 5 depends from claim 1 and is amended to include the arch-like shoulder 40 (Fig. 4).

Claim 7 depends from claim 5 to include the two diameters as in claim 3.

As to the references, McCabe shows merely a sheet partially wrapped around a can. This is not an "opener". It is merely a

shroud to get a protected grip on something like an oil filter. There is no stop or limit to establish its location. It can slip on or off. All of the claims recite a stop at the top.

Horton shows a strap well-adapted to hang from a key ring. It is mere grip. It has no stop.

West shows a structure with fingers inside that enable the device to work with both a smaller cap and a larger jar. For this purpose the inner wall is not a gripping surface, but rather a group of fingers.

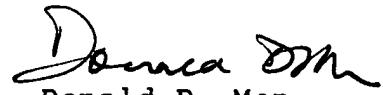
Morel is a solid cylinder with grips on the outside. There is no discontinuity to the C-shape. It enables distortion of a continuous body, but not flexibility of the body. There is a difference. Applicant's C-shape can open up simply. Morel's device requires a more integral distortion, and does not truly open up. His enlargements 11 have nothing to do with an easier grip. They are merely larger ridges than ridges 14. Applicant's arch-shaped connection enables the opener to enlarge readily.

Magarian is cited to show two diameters. But these are not interposed by a shoulder which limits the movement of the opener onto the lid arm preventing engagement with a jar. Instead it is a boundary between two sets of splines that are interengaged with the wrench. The concept is entirely different, as is the use.

Claims 3, 5, and 7 are especially emphasized for their respective showing of multiple diameters, the arch-like connector, and the stop.

It is submitted that the claims as now presented are properly allowable. Reconsideration of this application and allowance of the claims are respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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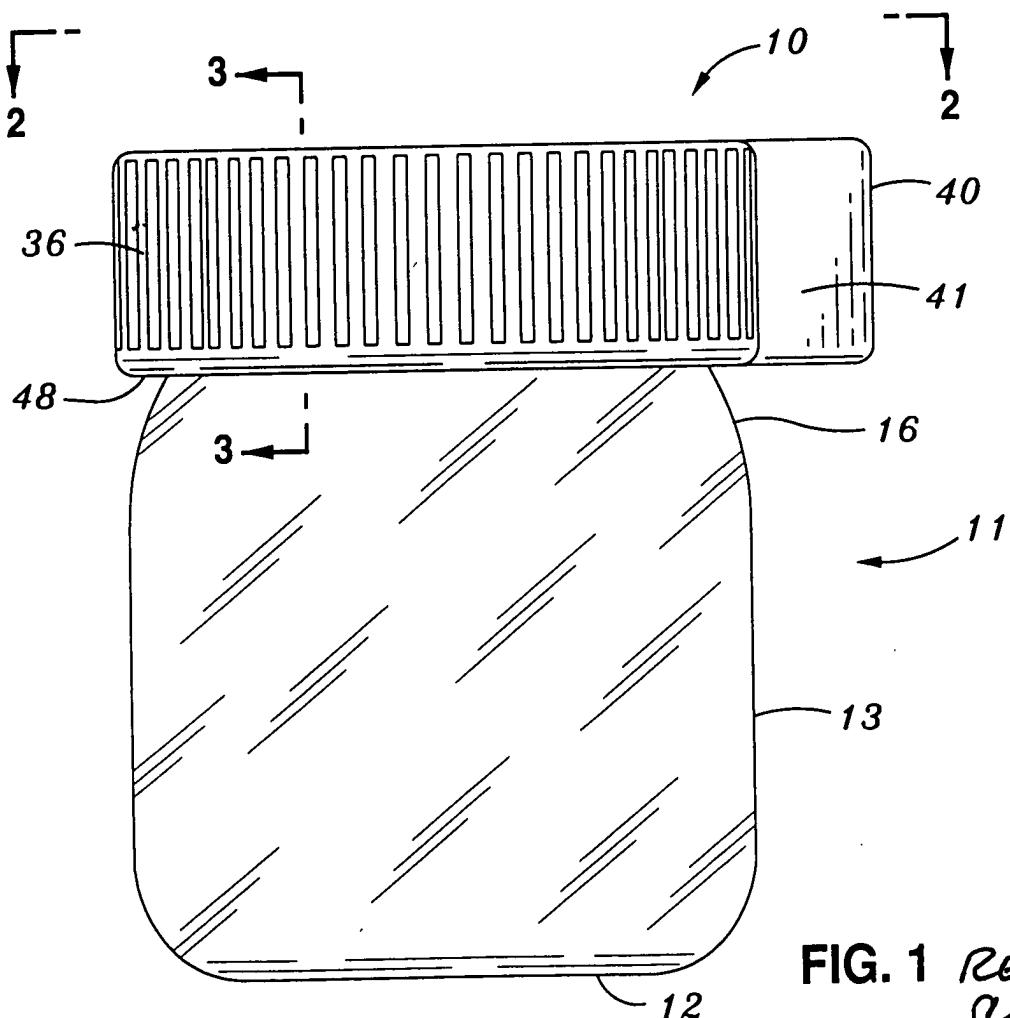
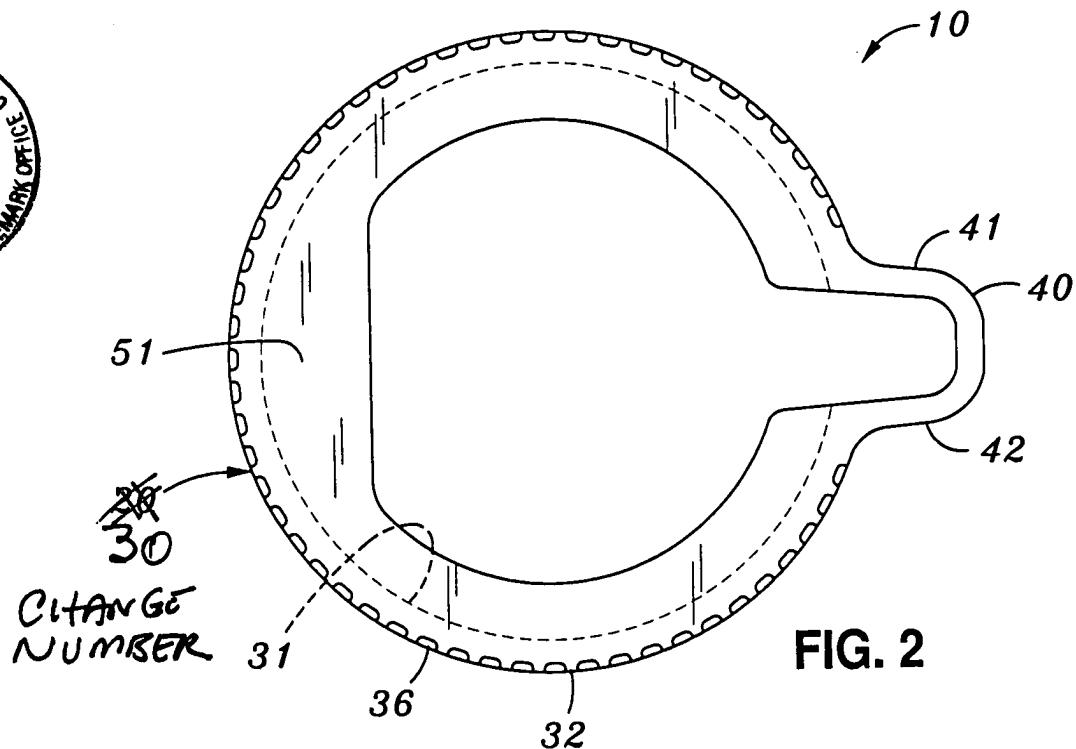
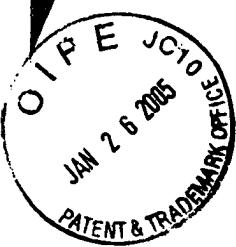
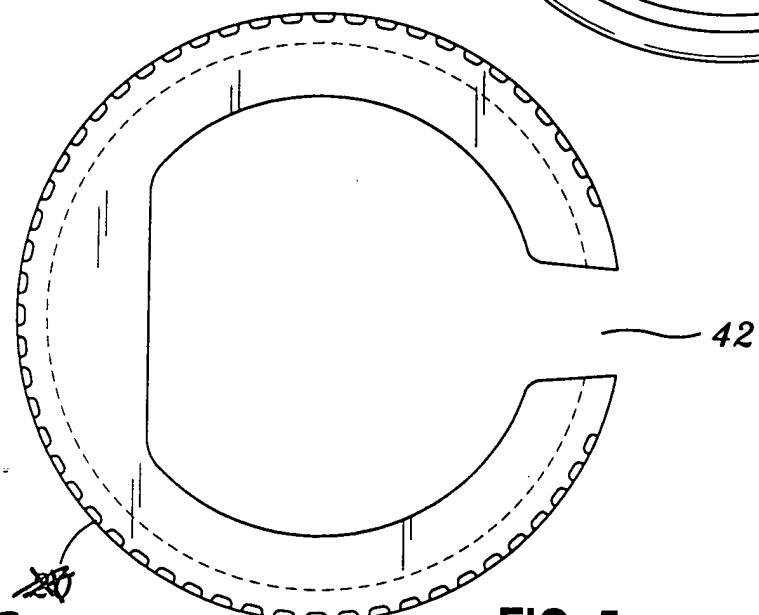
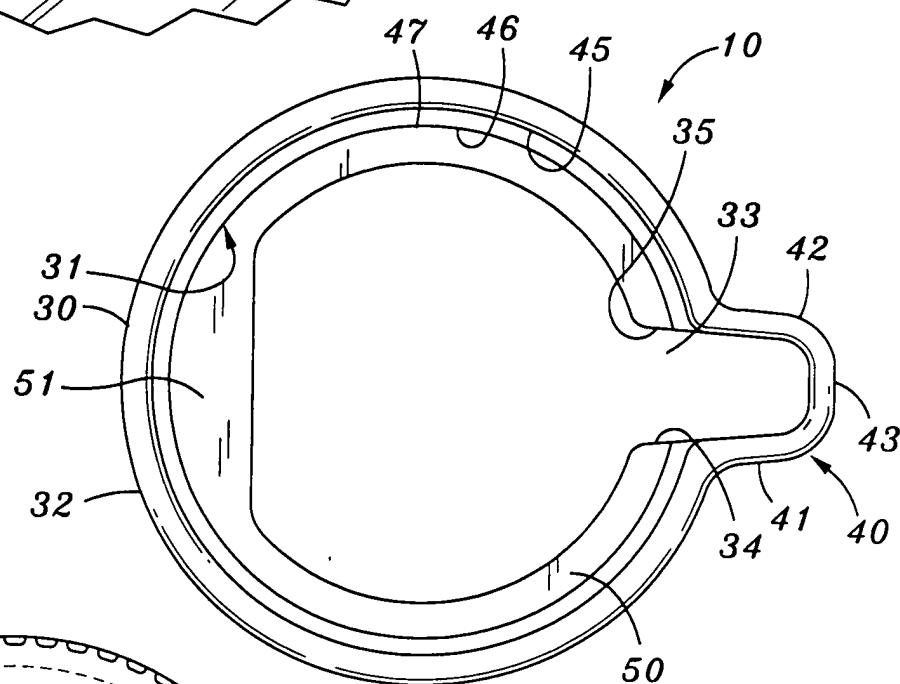
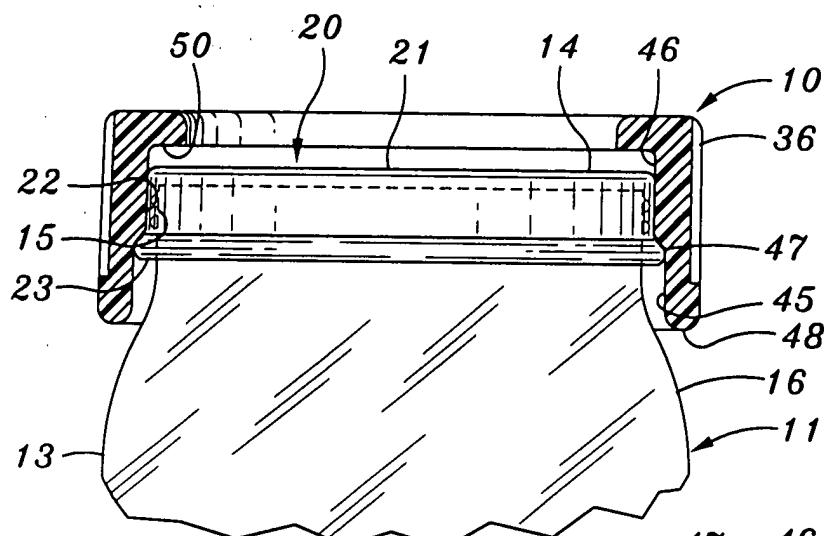


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